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In re Application of :
Freddie Ray Roberts :
Application No. 10/700,255 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: November 3, 2003 :
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This is a decision on the petition to make special filed on May 11, 2004. The petition is based upon the practice described in MPEP § 708.02(V) "Environmental Quality." Therefore, no petition fee is required.

The petition is granted.

The petition to make special based upon the practice in MPEP § 708.02(V) is deemed to satisfy all of the requirements therefore. Accordingly, the examiner will treat this application as special throughout its prosecution. Prior to the next action on the merits, the examiner will conduct a rigorous search for potentially interfering applications. The interference search will be brought up to date prior to each successive action.

The Supervisory Patent Examiner of Patent Examining Art Unit 3747 is being informed of this decision, and will advise the examiner to take future action consistent therewith. The granting of this petition is not to be considered as an endorsement of the allegations contained in the petition.

PETITION GRANTED.

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